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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - COP15 MEETING

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Several Monday morning papers led with the results of their respective weekend opinion polls that showed sharp drops in public support for the Hatoyama administration.

¶2. "World Should Swiftly Restart Negotiations toward Settlement Next Year" The liberal Asahi editorialized (12/20): "We should not stop here.... Diplomatic efforts by state leaders to 'avert a breakdown in the talks' produced results.... The nations must restart their negotiations at an early date based on the lessons learned from COP15. They need to create a legally binding international framework within a year."

¶3. "'Accord without Obligations' Dangerous" The liberal Mainichi stated in an editorial (12/20): "The COP15 meeting failed to adopt a 'Copenhagen Agreement.' This is a very regrettable outcome because the meeting was an important turning point in drawing up a plan for the earth in the post-Kyoto Protocol era beyond 2012.... It is necessary for the nations to persist with negotiations."

¶4. "Weak Promise Should Be Developed into Firm Agreement" The business-oriented Nikkei wrote in an editorial (12/20): "This is a weak promise.... However, using this promise as a starting point, we must establish a new international system that requires all major greenhouse gas emitters to reduce their emissions."

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